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DIGEST

Present law requires the commissioner to annually collect and compile for publication and distribution, all statistics and facts relating to the character and resources of this State, to be issued in pamphlet, circular, or other forms.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the commissioner to keep in his office a register of lands for sale in the state, and the names of persons who desire to purchase lands, or to secure employees or employment in Louisiana. Provides that any citizen of Louisiana may register in the office of the commissioner any lands owned by him which are for sale in the state, giving an abstract of titles to the lands with a condensed description. Requires the registrant to pay a fee of \$2 to the commissioner for each separate tract or parcel of land registered.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law further provides that any person desiring to purchase lands, or to secure employees or employment, may register his name, with a statement of his wants, in the office of the commissioner, on the payment of a fee of 50 cents to the commissioner. Requires the register of the commissioner to be open to public examination free of charge.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the commissioner to establish the Weather Modification Program within the department, the purpose of which shall be to develop a method or methods of augmenting precipitation to relieve periods of drought in Louisiana. Empowers the commissioner to:

- (1) Plan and conduct a campaign to publicize and promote weather modification.
- (2) Encourage and assist private industry which has the necessary knowledge and experience to develop pilot weather modification projects.
- (3) Initiate, administer, and/or coordinate research and development projects pertaining to weather modification.
- (4) Contract for, receive, accept, and expend any funds made available from sources outside state government.
- (5) Enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with the state or federal government or private industry with respect to any project or projects involving weather modification.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the director of agricultural chemistry, with the approval of the commissioner, to establish fees for all chemical or other analyses conducted or performed by the agricultural chemistry laboratory. Provides that the amount of the fee is to be based on the costs incurred in conducting or performing the analyses.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law reduces the membership of the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board from 14 to 13 members and removes the commissioner as an ex officio member.

Present law provides that La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board may employ a director and an assistant director, who shall be appointed by the board subject to the approval of the commissioner. Requires the board to determine the amount of the funds which shall be used for salaries for personnel. Provides for the director and assistant director to be in the unclassified service. Authorizes the commissioner to employ such other personnel of the board as he deems appropriate. Provides for all employees of the board to be under the direction and supervision of the commissioner.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board to employ subordinate officers and employees, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation and terms of employment.

Present law requires the La. Aquaculture Coordinating Council to meet at the call of the chairman.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Aquaculture Coordinating Council to meet upon the request of any 3 members.

Present law requires the La. Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board to meet quarterly and may meet on the call of the chairman.

Proposed law removes the quarterly meeting requirement and authorizes the La. Aquatic Chelonian Research and Promotion Board to meet upon the request of any 3 members.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to appoint one alternate for each member of the Livestock Brand Commission who shall be appointed from the same area and possess the same qualifications as the member for whom he is appointed as an alternate. Provides when, for any reason, a member appointed from any area is unable to be present at any meeting of the board, the alternate appointed from his area shall serve in his place, and in such case, the alternate exercises all of the powers vested by law in the member, including the right to vote.

Present law requires the Livestock Brand Commission to meet at least quarterly and shall meet at other times upon the call of the chairman or of any 3 members. Prohibits the commission from

meeting more than 12 times in any year.

Proposed law requires the Livestock Brand Commission to meet annually upon the call of the chairman.

Present law requires that after a stop-sale order is given, the person receiving the stop-sale order shall have 15 days within which to comply and to obtain a written release of the order.

Proposed law changes the time within which to comply from 15 days to 30 days.

Proposed law corrects references from the La. Cotton Producers Association to the La. Cotton and Grain Association.

Proposed law increases the membership of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission from 12 to 13 members and adds the commissioner as an ex officio member of the commission with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other members. Increases the number of commercial processor members from 2 to 3.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the La. Board of Animal Health meet quarterly.

Present law prohibits the La. Board of Animal Health from meeting more than 12 times in any calendar year.

Proposed law removes this provision.

Proposed law corrects references from the La. Pesticide Applicators to the La. Vegetation Management Association.

Proposed law authorizes the Structural Pest Control Commission to notify licensees at least 7 days prior to any public hearing by electronic mail.

Present law requires Structural Pest Control Commission to mail a copy of an adopted rule to each licensee at his or her last known address prior to the date the rule becomes effective.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law corrects a reference from a landscape contractor to a landscape horticulturist.

Proposed law corrects internal references and provides for technical corrections.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:264(F), (intro para) 556.3(B), 556.4(B), 559.4(I), 559.23(I), 732(D), 904(A), 1431(2), 1433(A)(3), 1440, 1604(A)(2) and (3), 1742(1), 1743(A), 2062, 2091(L), 3206, 3211(B)(2), 3366(B)(2), (intro para) 3801(C), 3808(E)(4)(a) and (b), 4153(1) and (2), 4156(2),

4157(D), 4158(A), 4159(A), 4160(A); Adds 732(B)(1)(j) and 1433(A)(4), (5), (6), and (7);
Repeals R.S. 3:6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 3366(B)(3))